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Kowloon...	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29
Yau-mat...	Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38
Shatin...	Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.50
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.18	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.03
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.07
Fauling...	Dep.	7.32	10.06	11.21	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.18
Shungshui...	Dep.	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.22
Sham-chun...	Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.28

	Dep.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Sham-chun...	Dep.	7.29	8.05	10.29	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13
Shungshui...	Dep.	7.33	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20
Fauling...	Dep.	7.33	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.42	8.28	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.48	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38
Shatin...	Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51
Yau-mat...	Dep.	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03
Kowloon...	Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	Dep.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29
Yau-mat...	Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38
Shatin...	Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.50
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.18	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.03
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.07
Fauling...	Dep.	7.32	10.06	11.21	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.18
Shungshui...	Dep.	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.22
Sham-chun...	Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.28

	Dep.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Sham-chun...	Dep.	8.19	10.08	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.20	6.09
Shungshui...	Dep.	8.19	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.27	6.16
Fauling...	Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.31	6.20
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.41	6.30
Tai-po...	Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.45	6.34
Shatin...	Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.59	6.47
Yau-mat...	Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	6.10	6.59
Kowloon...	Arr.	9.11	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.15	6.18	7.07

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Sham-tau-kok...	Arr.	8.40	12.35	1.15	7.20	7.25	11.10	2.00

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Fauling...	Dep.	7.45	11.39	12.29	6.25	6.30	10.15	1.05
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LECTURE ON ANTIQUITY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE.

A lecture on the "Origin and Antiquity of the Chinese People" was delivered by Dr. H. Chatley at a meeting of the China Society of Science and Arts at the Royal Asiatic Society at Shanghai last week.

Chinese institutions, said the lecturer, could be traced back to a very ancient age. Some of the earliest records were those of the five mythical emperors, who were credited with great agricultural achievements. The Chinese nation had passed through three great stages in its long history, the first and savage hunting stage, the wandering, nomadic stage, and the present agricultural and settled stage. It was seen from the discoveries made of fossil man and stone implements that the conditions prevailing in China in ancient days were no different from those prevailing in other parts of the world. The lecturer referred to the bones of "The Waste of Yin," and the earliest records of Chinese writing, dealing principally with divination in connection with hunting and religious practices. Referring to these stones, Dr. Chatley said they told us much of old Chinese religious customs, including bloody human and animal sacrifices. The earliest traces of a Chinese civilization were found in that district following the bed of the Yellow River, and the discoveries went to show that there dwelt here a more or less civilized people, surrounded by others who were to all intents and purposes savages. Physically the two peoples were similar, the great difference between them being that of culture. Some of these savages were still to be found in the more remote parts of China.

The real Chinese culture, said Dr. Chatley, arose in the valley of the Yellow River about the year 2300 B.C. All the old traditions and early Chinese history relate almost entirely to this part of China, and very vaguely to other parts. The advantages of communication possessed by the people in this area would go far to accounting for this state of affairs.

Dr. Chatley went on to deal with the various theories concerning the linking up of China with other nations of culture and antiquity prior to the late Roman period, and expressed himself as sceptical with regard to most of these. There were, he said, geographical, ethnological and language difficulties, all of which would militate against any possible linking of the sort. The Egyptian theory could be disposed of on two grounds, time and distance. Certainly there was no real connection between the two languages. The Babylonian theory was much more popularly accepted, but he was of opinion that difficulties similar to those obtaining with the Egyptian theories, belied its probabilities. With regard to King's Hill's Hindu theories, that Chinese culture was derived from Northern India, he contended that history went all against such a possibility, and that there was no real connection between the two cultures. His own theory was advanced to be that Chinese culture was something alone, purely Chinese and with Chinese origins. Some of the more outstanding coincidences of foreign and Chinese cultures were easily explained by the foreign influences brought to bear in comparatively recent years, and could not be said to fundamentally affect Chinese culture as such.

The lecturer concluded with some reference to the much debated point as to whether culture could arise in many places, or whether it must have its main spring from one definite source. He was against the latter theory, contending that culture could have its birth in any part of the world. He underlined civilization to mean the organized co-operation of large groups of people for their common welfare. Certain conditions were necessary to produce a high state of civilization, and he suggested that nothing was more conducive to this end than the plains and large rivers. The civilizations of Northern India, Mesopotamia, Mexico and China were all traceable to this cause, and he suggested that the development of the Chinese civilization might also be attributed to it. To combat the conditions, the people had to develop an elaborate organization to cope with affairs, or perish, and thus it was that all these ancient civilizations he had mentioned were associated with schemes for irrigation and hydraulic engineering works. From this point the lecturer went on to point a moral to the Chinese people, and make suggestions for improvements in the present irrigation system.

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- 921 White, Maud, Diocesan Girls' School.
922 Landolt, Amelie, French Convent.

- 923 Pau, Agnes, French Convent.
925 Tse, Agnes, French Convent.
927 Xavier, Rosie, Italian Convent.

- 929 Dillon, Agnes, French Convent.
930 Geng, Aurelia (dist. in Spanish), Italian Convent.

- 931 Gutierrez, Myra, Italian Convent.
932 Julyan, Quennie, Italian Convent.

- 933 Lopes, Emily, Italian Convent.
935 Remedios, Carmela, Italian Convent.
936 Roarrio, Regina, Italian Convent.

- 937 Thomas, Elizabeth (dist. in history), Italian Convent.
938 Warren, Marjorie, Italian Convent.

- 940 Xavier, Celestina, Italian Convent.
941 Gomes, Laura, St. Mary's School.
943 Noronha,aisy, St. Mary's School.
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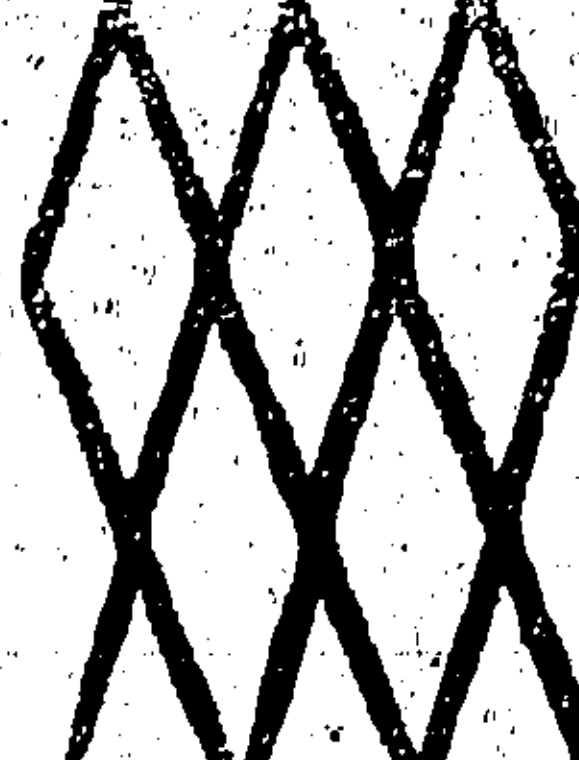
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COMPANY MEETINGS.

BRITISH AND CHINESE CORPORATION.

RAILWAYS AFFECTED BY CHINA'S TROUBLES.

The twenty-sixth annual ordinary general meeting of the British and Chinese Corporation, Ltd., was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, London, E.C., on November 27th, 1924. Major W. S. Nathan, C.M.G., the chairman, presiding.

The secretary (Mr. E. R. Morris) having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors.

Sir CHARLES ADDIS, K.C.M.G., said: Gentlemen, before the formal proceedings of the meeting begin perhaps I may be allowed, as the oldest member of the board, to say just one word with regard to the chairman, Major Nathan, who meets you here for the first time. As the years go by some of us feel that our touch with China must necessarily be losing some of its intimacy and its delicacy, and we considered ourselves very fortunate when we learned that Major Nathan, after a long and distinguished career in China, was retiring to his country, and we felt sure that although he might be retiring from the executive duties which he had carried on so long with such success there was a fund of energy which it would be a great pity to allow to run to waste. We were able, after some persuasion, to induce him to accept the post which he occupies to-day, and his long and intimate knowledge of the Chinese people, his intimacy with a succession of Chinese officials, and his expert handling of negotiations in connection with the Kailash Mining Administration, have given him a authority in Chinese matters and an expert knowledge of administration which I believe are unequalled. Combined with that he is also fortunate in having had himself an engineering training, so that he has not only a knowledge of the men with whom he deals, but expert knowledge of the matters which he is negotiating. This company has passed through a long and trying period, which I believe is a period of transition, and I do not know of a better guarantee for the future, which I believe will be a prosperous one, than having had the good fortune to secure as your chairman Major Nathan. (Applause.)

THE UNREST IN CHINA.

The Chairman said: I have to thank you, Sir Charles Addis, for your kindly and sympathetic remarks. Now, gentlemen, I will proceed with the ordinary business of the meeting. China is a country where the unexpected always happens and therefore it is very foolish to attempt to make any prophecy having regard to the state of affairs at any given moment. Up till now it has been considered that the country has been divided into Northern and Southern factions with an independent power in Manchuria. As a matter of fact, it must not be thought that there is any hostility between the peoples of the North and South, who mix freely with each other all over the country; the rivalry is merely that of individuals. Chang Tso Lin appears to have firmly established himself in Manchuria and to have obtained a dominating position over Peking and the Province of Chihli. There, however, he is likely to have considerable difficulty in maintaining his power in face of the opposition he is likely to experience from men like the Christian General and the generals of the Chihli party.

Along the banks of the Yangtze the Tsuchus appear to have united in support of Wu Pei Fu in order to create a Government in Central China in opposition to Peking, but Wu having lost face, cannot have as much influence as before the debacle. Sun's power in the South has never been great, and were a moderately strong Government established in Peking, controlling the Central Provinces, the influence of Sun in the South would probably disappear. Generally speaking, however, I fear that the state of unrest in China must continue; actual fighting may cease for a period, but a recurrence will be difficult to avoid. China requires a strong ruler, and it is difficult to see where one can be found. I have been personally acquainted with all the presidents from Yuan Shih Kai to Tsoo Kun, and none, except Yuan, has been competent to control the various individuals holding power in the Provinces without they had military forces at their back; in several cases presidents have been merely puppets of one or more Tsuchus.

THE RAILWAY QUESTION.

The recent troubles have affected the railways most seriously. The power of the combatants extended over the whole area of China where railways exist, and, as a result, probably the only one that has not been heavily affected is the Shanghai-Nanking Railway; the Peking-Mukden Railway is still incapable of carrying coal from the Kai-Feng mines. The effect on railway revenue is therefore sure to be felt for some time to come.

It seems likely that, when order is again established, considerable expenditure will be necessary to restore the railways and rolling stock to the condition they were in before the present struggle. Even then, the railways are very much under-equipped for the traffic they are called upon to carry, and in order to

bring them to a state of efficiency and increase their carrying power it will be necessary to add considerably to the rolling stock and also to equip the various lines with further sidings, sheds, etc. It is probable that the Corporation will be called upon for further capital to replenish the railways in which it is financially interested. Bearing in mind the small subscribed capital in proportion to the amount of the loans still outstanding, I think it may be desirable next year before we extend our operations that the question of calling up the balance of the uncalled capital may have to be considered.

THE ACCOUNTS.

Turning to the accounts, the increase in the profits over that of the previous year is chiefly accounted for by the fact that two dividends on the Shanghai-Nanking net profit certificates were received within the financial year, one in July, 1923, and the other in June, 1924. The increase in administration and general expenses is due to a higher allowance having to be made for office rent, etc.; agency commission, of course, rises in proportion to the profit. On the other hand, there has only been the amount of £48 to write off for depreciation. In the balance-sheet you will see that our investments are reduced by £3,065 10s. 6d. The appreciation in the market value at date since June 30th is about £17,000.

Our advances to the Chinese Government are two in number: one is on account of the Nanking-Hunan Railway, and is recoverable whenever it becomes practicable to issue the public loan, and the other is to the Peking-Mukden Railway for doubling a portion of the track. The latter is repayable by monthly instalments of £10,000 on account of principal and interest, and is a charge on the surplus earnings of the Peking-Mukden Railway. The service of the loan has been fully met. A satisfactory feature in the accounts is the reduction of our overdraft with our bankers of £58,782. This is, of course, due to the reduction in the debtors' and open accounts of £101,844. The overdraft since June 30th has been reduced to £11,000.

The report and accounts were adopted, a dividend of 15s. per share declared, and the retiring director (Major W. S. Nathan) and auditors re-elected.

The proceedings then terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

December 29th, 1924.	
Hongkong and Shanghai	
Banks	\$1.190 b.
Canton Insurance	\$725 b.
Union Insurance	\$269 b.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$685 b.
Douglas Steamships	\$359 s.
H.K. & M. Steamships	\$336 s.
"Star" Forries	\$138 b., \$140 ss.
China Sugars	\$294 b.
Longtong (combined)	Tls. 23 b., Tls. 23 1/2 ss.
Kowloon Wharves	\$219 b.
Whampoa Docks	\$143 1/2 b., \$149 1/2 ss.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 107 b.
Hongkew Wharves	Tls. 210 b.
New Engineering	Tls. 740 ss.
Hongkong Land	\$109 s.
Hongkong Hotels	(old) \$184 b.
	(new) \$214 b.
Empire Estate	\$214 b.
Ewo Cotton Mills	Tls. 12 1/2 b., Tls. 12 1/2 1/2 ss.
Shanghai Cottons	(old) Tls. 60
	(new) Tls. 33 nom.
Oriental	Tls. 330 b.
Cement (combined)	\$26 10 b.
Hongkong Ropes (combined)	\$68 nom.
China Providents (combined)	\$29 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$25 b.
Waterboats	\$184 b.
Watsons	(old) \$23 nom., (new) \$11 b.
Hongkong Electric	\$424 b.
China Light (combined)	\$25 1/2 b.
Hongkong Trams	\$66 b.
Peak Tramways (old)	\$29 s., (new) \$11 1/2 nom.
"Shell" Transport	\$87 b.
b—buyers; s—sellers; ss—sales.	

FRANCE'S TAXATION.

GIGANTIC ARREARS.

In his report on the French Budget, Mr. Deyris remarks that there are 11,000,000,000 (about £125,000,000) still to be collected for the financial years between 1920 and 1924 inclusive. These arrears of taxes are calculated up to October 31st last, and comprise direct taxes of all kind, 5,867,000,000, and extraordinary contributions under the head of war profits over 5,500,000,000.



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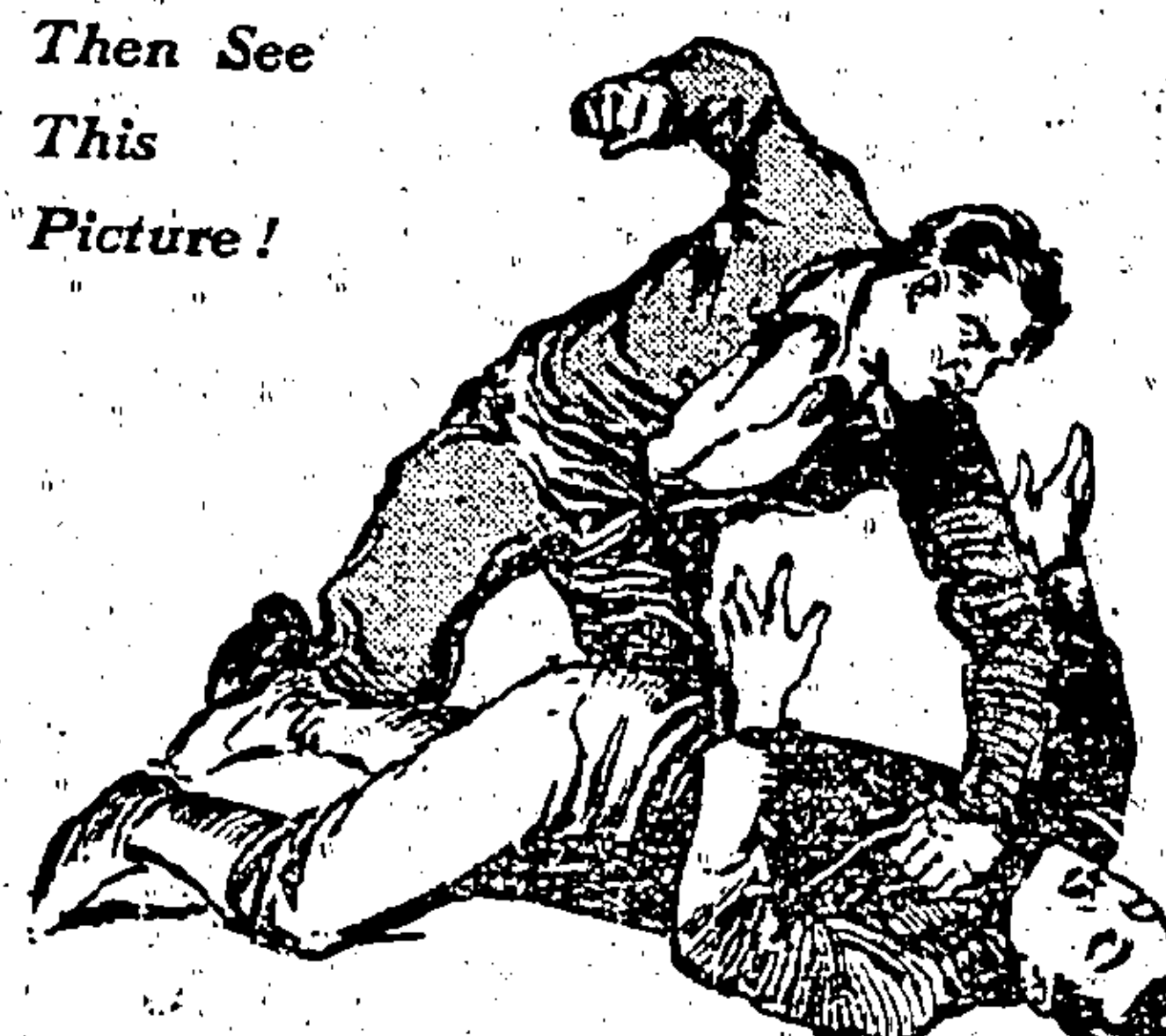
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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday. Present:—
His Excellency the Governor (Sir R. E. STURGES, K.C.M.G.).
The General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General Sir JOHN FOWLER, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.).
The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Sir CLAUDE SEYMOUR, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E.).
The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McL. MISKIN, O.B.E.).
Hon. Mr. E. T. CLEARY (Director of Public Works).
Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX, O.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE (Captain Superintendent of Police).
Hon. Sir HENRY POLLOCK, K.C.
Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.
Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD.
Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU SON.
Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTWALL.
Hon. Mr. MONTAGUE EDE.
Mr. S. E. B. McLEDERAY (Clerk of Council).

THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were approved and signed.

PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. The Governor, laid upon the table seventeen papers, being orders made by the Governor in Council, a Regulation relating to chairs, janitor-shawls, and the Star Ferry by-laws, all of which have been published in the issue of the *Government Gazette* during the past six weeks, and a Report on the Commercial Development of the Port of Hongkong by Mr. John Duncan, the Port Engineer.

PORT DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

The Colonial Secretary referring to this report said: This Report has only just been received from the printers and it is only necessary to say at this meeting that a more interesting and important document has seldom been laid before the Council. It has been receiving the close consideration of the Government, and I feel that Honourable Members will wish to express to Mr. Duncan their appreciation of the great ability with which he has tackled the subject. I only hope that in course of time the work that has been done by him and those associated with him will bear fruit.

THE STAFFING OF THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

The Colonial Secretary: Sir, I wish to make a statement to the Council. In view of the decision of the Government to abandon the proposal to employ members of the Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, New York, generally known as the Maryknoll Sisterhood, for the staffing of the Kowloon Hospital, it is desirable that Honourable Members should be informed of the cause of this decision.

The proposal to employ Maryknoll Sisters was first made in June, 1920, and was supported by the Principal Civil Medical Officer, Dr. Johnson. After much consideration the matter came before the Executive Council in May, 1923, and it was decided that the Colonial Secretary should consult the Kowloon Residents' Association in the first instance. This was done, and on the 6th June, 1924, the Hon. Secretary of the Kowloon Residents' Association informed the Government that the General Committee approved the plan provided that the Government undertook that:—

- (1) thorough training is assured,
- (2) complete Government control is retained, and
- (3) all religious matters are rigidly excluded.

On the 6th September, 1923, the Executive Council decided that the Maryknoll Sisterhood should be asked to undertake the nursing at the new Kowloon Hospital. An agreement was therefore drawn up and sent to New York on the 25th October last. A few days later His Excellency the Governor was asked by certain members of the Executive Council that the question of the employment of the Maryknoll Sisters should be reconsidered, and on the 15th November the Executive Council decided that further reference should be made to the Kowloon Residents' Association to ascertain the views of the members generally on the subject. A telegram was sent to New York asking that action should be suspended on the letter of October 25th, and on the 15th November the Honorary Secretary of the Kowloon Residents' Association addressed a letter to the Government reviewing the whole subject and stating that after very lengthy and serious consideration the committee, in view of a petition sent by 40 British residents of Kowloon, containing a large proportion of the members of the Association, had to request the Government to refrain from completing its arrangements with the Maryknoll Sisterhood and to take steps for the provision of a British staff similar to that at present employed in the Government Civil Hospital. The Government agreed to accept the advice of the Kowloon Residents' Association and the arrangements made for the employment of the Maryknoll Sisters were cancelled.

It is hardly necessary for me to state that in arriving at this decision the Government was in no way influenced by any considerations of the religious aspect of this admirable organization, such as had been very unnecessarily and unfortunately raised in correspondence in the public Press. The view taken by the Government was that having consulted the Kowloon Residents' Association originally, it could not refuse to reconsider the matter on such a strong representation as was made, because it was obviously necessary to avoid any action which might affect the popularity and usefulness of the hospital.

The Government has conveyed to the Maryknoll Sisterhood its appreciation of the willingness of the Society to undertake the work and its great regret that the abandonment of the scheme came at so late a stage.

FINANCE.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. The Governor, laid upon the table Financial Minutes Nos. 100 to 102, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. The Governor, also laid upon the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 12), and moved that it be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS OF BUSINESS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Fraudulent Transfers of Businesses Ordinance, 1923.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Bill was then referred to Committee for consideration and on Council resuming it was reported that the Bill had been approved.

On the motion of the Attorney-General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill was read a third time and passed accordingly.

H.E. The Governor: The Council will adjourn until the conclusion of the Finance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

THE WIRELESS STATION.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$27,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Installation of Valve Transmitting Set for Cape D'Aguilar Station.

The Chairman: On the 20th of March last the Finance Committee approved expenditure amounting to \$3,000 for the purchase and instalment of a valve transmitting set at the Station. Some of the apparatus arrived some time ago and the remainder is expected to arrive before the end of the year. The commitments in London are \$2,540, to which must be added freight and installation. It is considered that \$27,000 will cover the whole cost.

Approved.

ROAD SURFACING IN NEW TERRITORIES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$20,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Communications, (129) Roads, (e) Surfacing and Strengthening those portions of main road running through paddy.

The Chairman: The vote on the estimates (page 82) is \$30,000. The supplementary vote now required of \$20,000 is due to the fact that a section of road between Castle Peak and Ung Long has been used by bus and lorry traffic to a greater extent than anticipated, and it has been necessary to incur considerable expense in order to keep it in a reasonable state of repair.

Approved.

FORESTRY VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$900 in aid of the vote Botanical and Forestry Department, Other Charges, Brushwood Clearing.

The Chairman: The sum required is owing to the expense incurred by extensive clearing of brushwood at Mount Kellet to allow of water courses with a view to improving the drainage.

Approved.

PUBLIC WORKS VOTES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$177,950 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Recurrent:—

Kowloon:—

Communications, 30, Maintenance of Telephone \$ 700

Water Works, 23, Maintenance of Water Works 5,000

Water Works, 40, Water Account (Meters, etc.) 4,000

New Territories:—

Buildings, 41, Maintenance of Buildings 6,000

Water Works, 30, Maintenance of Lai Chi Kok 3,000

Public Works, Extraordinary:—

Kowloon:—

Communications, 92, Roads (h) General Works 61,000

Miscellaneous, 93, Chinese Cemeteries, Laying out new areas 3,000

Water Works, 108, Pipers Hill Service Reservoir 10,000

Water Works, 108, Miscellaneous Water Works 3,000

New Territories:—

Buildings, 118, Police Station, Kowloon City 10,000

Buildings, 119, Police Station, Shamshuipo 10,000

Communications, 123, Roads (j) General Works 20,250

Miscellaneous, 127, Kaulung-tong Development Scheme, (b) Excavation and filling 35,000

Total \$177,950

The Chairman: These items ought to have been numbered. There are 13 sums of money required to supplement various votes under Public Works Recurrent and Extraordinary.

The \$700 in item 1 is due to taking over the new Exchange at Yau-mat, previously worked by the Police, and the increased number of telephones being operated.

Item 2: The \$6,000 is due to increased consumption and the monthly maintenance contract prices.

Item 3: The \$4,000 is required for new meters, and meter repairs.

Item 4: \$6,000. This is caused by a larger amount of work than anticipated having been undertaken in the New Territories.

Item 5: The \$3,000 is due to special repairs to filter beds, and to a new electric motor and temporary pump.

Item 6: The \$61,000 is due to the general development in the erection of buildings at Kowloon.

Item 7: \$3,000. This is accounted for by the fact that we have found it necessary to carry out more work than was anticipated.

Item 8: \$10,000. This is due to the satisfactory progress of work being made on contracts.

Item 9: The \$3,000 additional is chiefly due to the extension of mains in the district.

Items 10 and 11: These are two Police Stations. The progress of the work is in excess of the sum provided in the Estimates.

Item 12: This is due to the general development and erection of buildings in the New Territories.

Item 13: \$35,000. Progress was in excess of the sum provided in the Estimates. Approved.

THE TEMPORARY MAGISTRACY AT YAU-MAT. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$4,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Conversion of Old Yau-mat Police Station into a temporary Magistracy and equipment thereof.

The Chairman: The increased expenditure is the cost of additional items and fittings required in the Magistracy at Kowloon.

Approved.

PIER AT BLACKHEAD'S POINT. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$25,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Pier, Blackhead Point.

The Chairman: The additional expense required is entirely due to the foundation work, it being necessary to remove by divers the remains of the old Pier, and a considerable amount of rubble, before the piles can be put in.

Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$225,180 in aid of the following votes:—

Miscellaneous Services:—

Bathing Places North Point, Kennedy Town and Stonecutters' Island \$ 2,700

British Empire Exhibition 12,069

Crown Agents' Commission 5,369

Language Study Allowances 6,766

Motor Cars, Running Expenses 3,304

Newspapers and Periodicals 790

Purchase and upkeep of Type-writers 1,151

Rent Allowances 33,300

Stationery 11,118

Transport of Government Servants 91,024

Van Hire for Motor Cars 2,129

Flood Relief Fund 50,000

Grant in Aid of Scientific Institutions:—

The Ross Institute for Tropical Diseases 2,067

Other Charitable Allowances 2,048

Passages and Relief of Destitutes 978

Transport of Subsistence of Lunatics 392

Charitable Allowances:—

Long Woong Shi 53

Treasury:—

Treasurer's Office, Other Charges:—

Incidental Expenses 101

Stamp Office, Other Charges:—

Stamps 780

Incidental Expenses 21

Total \$225,180

The Chairman: The sum required for bathing places was under-estimated. That needed for British Empire Exhibition was also under-estimated by the sum put down.

The extra required for Crown agents' commission is due to more business having been done with them than was anticipated.

Language study allowances were under-estimated.

In regard to the vote for motor cars, running expenses, we have more motor cars for various departments and the running expenses are consequently greater than anticipated.

Typewriters were for the Public Works Department and the Port Development Department.

Rent allowances were for certain of the Asiatic staff with more than ten years' service.

Hon. Mr. KOTWALL: May I ask, Sir, if consideration is being given to the petition presented by my hon. friend Mr. Chow Shou Son and myself that the privilege should be extended to servants under ten years and over five years' service?

The Chairman: Yes, it is. I did not know that point would be raised. I cannot for the moment remember exactly how the matter stands at present. It is under consideration. I think some middle course has been arrived at.

Hon. Mr. KOTWALL: Thank you, Sir, so long as it has not been over-looked.

Replying to the Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK, the Chairman said: The matter was referred to in Council. There is a regular scale pending the erection of quarters. The Finance Committee agreed to this allowance if the Government would hurry on with the erection of quarters.

Stationery is under-estimated by rather a large sum.

With regard to the transport of Government servants, this vote is greatly due to it being extremely difficult to estimate for. There have been a great many police sent home and a general increase of staff.

Purchase of motor cars. One extra motor car has been purchased. The grant to the Ross Institute is \$350.

Charitable Services. We have had to make grants to various persons. Certain people who came into this Colony had to be got out again. The same applies to the next vote. It comes in waves.

Referring to "incidental expenses" for the Stamp Office, the Chairman asked: Why does a pressman require uniform?

The Chairman: It is perhaps because he is a respectable Government servant.

The Chairman: At any rate it cost \$21. It must be all right.

Approved.

MARKET EXTENSION AT MONGKOKTSUI. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$23,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Buildings, Extension to existing market at Mong Kok Tsui.

The Chairman: Provision was made for this work in the estimates of 1924. It was intended to have begun in 1923, but no work was done until this year. The total cost was \$23,000. \$3,000 has come out of item P.W.D. 75 in the estimates. There are really two markets, and they have been using money voted for the other market and that money is to be replaced to provide for the extension of the existing market at Mong Kok Tsui.

Approved.

REFUSE LOBBIES AND MEAT VANS. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$11,812 in aid of the following votes:—

Sanitary Department, Special Expenditure:—

Motor Refuse Lorry \$ 3,078.30

Motor Meat Vans 8,733.70

Total \$11,812.00

The Chairman: The original estimate was a tentative one. It was anticipated that a larger sum would be required, for the indent was sent in April last for three motor meat vans, the cost of which was over \$7,000 each—making a total of \$20,735. The sum provided in the estimates was \$12,000. I have made inquiries, and it is considered that although we have paid \$7,000 each for these meat vans, the Government has got very good value.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: What are these meat vans, Sir?

The Chairman: They are for carrying fresh meat from the slaughter house to the market.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: Is the Government responsible for all this?

The Chairman: They charge wholesale butchers for carrying the meat. It is a considerable charge, but it is a convenient one, and the Government get a considerable return. The subject was discussed at some length as to the best means of transporting this meat. The vans were really an experiment. The first vans were not satisfactory because they were top-heavy and dangerous.

Approved.

ROAD FROM TAIPO TO KUMSHAN. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Communications, Development of the Road from Taiipo Market to Kum Shan.

The Chairman: The sum of \$3,500 was approved by the Finance Committee for this work in May. It is now estimated that a sum of \$3,000 will be required this year.

Approved.

LIGHTING AND WATERWORKS. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$4,900 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong:—

Light, 12, Extensions of Light-ing \$4,000

Water Works, 23, Maintenance of Shaukiwan 900.00

Total \$4,900

The Chairman: With regard to lighting, the vote is \$1,500. The total cost of the extensions rendered necessary in various districts was \$3,500, so that \$4,000 is required. Waterworks, \$900. This is required to meet the cost of additional sand washing and the re-laying of filter beds.

The Hon. Mr. BIRD: Does that include the re-conditioning of the wire-netting around the filter beds?

The Chairman: Yes, I think so.

The Hon. Mr. BIRD: I understand the wire-netting has not been repaired.

The Director of Public Works: This has nothing to do with that, Sir. The fencing is on order and will be put up as soon as possible after it arrives.

The Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: What is the position, Sir, regarding the mechanical filters?

The Chairman: The mechanical filter is for the Bowen Road filter beds and will give two million gallons per day more than the existing beds. There is no other apparatus actually on order.

The Director of Public Works: We are considering tenders now.

The Hon. Mr. BIRD: Is it not possible to buy locally the small amount of netting required? Surely a small amount of wire netting like that should be purchased locally?

The Chairman: It is not ordinary wire-netting.

The Director of Public Works: There will be a considerable saving by ordering it through the Crown Agents.

The Chairman mentioned that it was difficult to get water to Shaukiwan and it is hoped to come to some arrangements to group Shaukiwan and Saiwanho.

Approved.

FIRE BRIGADE VOTE. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$900 in aid of the following votes:—

Fire Brigade, Other Charges:—

Clothing \$500

Rent of stations 300

Total \$800

The Chairman: Of the sum of \$500, the sum of \$300 is required to meet the Crown Agents' accounts, and the balance of making uniforms during December. The rent of Mongkoktsui Sub-Station was provided for at \$125 a month. The real rent was \$150, and the sum of \$25 per month was required to pay the difference.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1924. [1662]

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1924. [1658]

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1924. [1656]

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All Claims must be presented within 15 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 30th, 1924.

THE PORT OF HONGKONG.

THE compliment paid in the Legislative Council yesterday by the COLONIAL SECRETARY to the Port Engineer when he said that a more interesting and more important document has seldom been laid before the Council than the Report which has been written by Mr. JOHN DUNCAN on "the commercial development of the Port of Hongkong" will be generally endorsed by all who peruse it.

It is a Report occupying sixty closely printed foolscap pages—much too long, of course, for reproduction in a newspaper. For the general newspaper reader a digest of its principal features will suffice, while those deeply interested in the subject will doubtless procure a copy of the full Report from the Government or its printers.

It has been hitherto customary to consider the advisability of developing the harbour from the point of view of the increasing size of the ships coming to the port, and the great expectations that were entertained when the Kowloon railway was built that Hongkong would become the outlet for the produce of all China, south of the Yangtze, and that it was necessary to prepare betimes for this important development. Mr. DUNCAN's Report shatters this illusion. In his opinion the question of the development of the port has been considered hitherto from wrong premises and he discusses

the subject, convincingly we think. No one is likely to dispute his assumption that the line from Canton to Hankow is "unlikely to be completed for many years to come"; but, supposing through railway communication to North China is established, he discusses the economics of transport by rail to Hongkong versus

by water via the Tung Ting Lake and the Yangtze to Shanghai and he comes to the conclusion that there is no likelihood whatever of goods from beyond Changsha coming to Hongkong by rail. His recommendations, therefore, are based primarily on a consideration of what developments are necessary for the trade of the port as at present carried on. He analyses the flow of this great trade—Imports in 1923, £61,935,000; Exports £61,373,000—and shows as far as

he is able to do so, the mode of transport, establishing the conclusion that of the total value of imports and exports of merchandise 74 per cent. was borne by coaster-steamer, river steamer and junk, and 25 per cent. by ocean-going steamer: a ratio of 3 to 1 approximately. Next, it being impossible to deal with every one of the 619 items in the Trade Returns for 1923—Mr. DUNCAN takes the eight commodities of highest value—rice, raw sugar, cotton yarn, kerosene oil, wheat flour, coal, refined sugar, and fuel

oil—and shows that these eight commodities represent practically half the value of imports and exports of merchandise during 1923. Of these eight commodities 91 per cent. is carried by coaster steamer, river steamer or junk and 9 per cent. by ocean-going steamer. This is a ratio of 9 to 1. The commodities of greatest predominance in weight are rice, coal and raw sugar, and these are imported from French Indo-China, Siam, Japan, Korea and Formosa, and Netherlands India. The Report points out that raw sugar, which is refined in the Colony, is exported principally to North China, while rice is almost wholly

exported to South China and coal partly to South China, but is delivered mostly to ships in bunkers. Rice alone represents 20 per cent. of the value of the import and export trade of the port, and the Port Engineer submits that the degree of expedition and economy in handling which it is possible to obtain in the transport of this commodity—a necessity of life to the Chinese—justifies this trade being considered of primary importance in any schemes of port development.

Several pages of the Report are devoted to considerations of the size of ships and depths of water at other ports of the Pacific; other pages are devoted to the additional wharfage required in Hongkong. Assuming that of the estimated average daily number of vessels in port (viz. 70) berths will be required for 35 vessels (not including colliers and oil tankers), it is concluded that 17 additional berths may be required for the more economical handling of the import trade of the port—nine for vessels engaged in rice, sugar, cotton yarn and wheat trades, and the remainder for ocean-going and the coaster class of steamer.

A comprehensive scheme for the development of the port is outlined embracing the North Point foreshore, Hung Hom Bay, Kowloon Point and Hongkong Central; and works are recommended for "immediate construction" at North Point and Hongkong Central involving a total outlay of about seventeen million dollars. Estimates are also furnished of works in other sections of the harbour running into many more millions of dollars. In a final section devoted to "policy, control, management and administration," the Port Engineer suggests that "a properly constituted Advisory Port Authority or Board is required."

From this brief and very inadequate outline of the nature of the Report it will be seen that it is a document that will require very close study by the commercial and shipping interests of the port as well as by the Government, who will necessarily be largely guided by the considered opinion of those most directly concerned with the commerce and shipping of the port.

Friday, January 2nd, is a Bank holiday in the Straits Settlements.

3232 is now the highest number seen in the streets of Singapore attached to a motor-car.

The journal West Africa publishes reservedly a rumour that Sir Reginald Stubbs is being offered the Governorship of Nigeria.

Master Emil Danenberg, accompanied his father last week in order to give a recital at Manila. Mr. Charles Gerken has now received the following cables: "Concert great success: Professors and critics astounded."

For being in possession of a quantity of gunpowder without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police, a contractor was fined \$50 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

It is reported that the s.s. Taikoo, 4,000 tons, owned by the Taikoo Sugar Refining Company, Ltd., has gone ashore near the Hainan Head. The tug Taikoo is to leave Hongkong this morning to go to her assistance.

Judgment for \$1,000 and costs was given against Mrs. McEwen of Leys Lodge, Kowloon, at the Summary Court yesterday, when the Cheung Shing firm, furniture dealers, claimed before Mr. Justice Gompertz for goods sold and delivered.

When the s.s. Hinang, which left Hongkong for Sandakan on December 17th, failed to arrive at her destination on the 29th, anxiety was felt, and Lloyds Agents in Hongkong issued a wireless message to all ships and stations. The Hinang is now reported to have arrived in safety, after encountering very heavy weather.

A Chinese woman, whose husband and brother are officers of Chan Kwong Ming's army, was on her way to join them at a house in Bonham Road, when she was arrested and charged with the unlawful possession of a wooden revolver-holster. She was fined \$23 by Mr. N. L. Smith at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

A man who appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged in connection with several hundred cartridges cases seized by the authorities, was stated by the police to have given them valuable information in regard to the matter. His Worship acceded to the Assistant Crown Solicitor's application for leniency, and bound the man over.

POLICE RAID AT YAUMATI. OVER THIRTY ARRESTS IN WOO SUNG STREET.

ONE CHINESE WOUNDED.

An exciting encounter, between the police and Chinese criminals took place in Yaumati early yesterday morning. Acting on information, a strong force of European and Chinese officers raided No. 123, Woo Sung Street. Being unable

CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOGNE EVACUATION QUESTION.

AN ANGRY GERMAN PRESS.

BERLIN, December 29th.

Commenting on the decision of the Ambassadors' Conference with regard to evacuation of Cologne, the newspaper *Forworts* says this attitude of the Governments at Paris and London could only be described as wise on the supposition that they could quietly ignore the opinions and feelings of the whole German people. No people can arrive at peace so long as it does not possess a securely fenced-in territory, in which its word alone prevails. The *Berlin Tagblatt* says that in the order, is for the occupation to continue indefinitely, then the underlying idea of the political power of imperialism, that of Marshal Foch and company, has been installed into the head of M. Herriot. It becomes manifest that it is not an imposing sight to see the reconciler of peoples using a sabre as a crutch.

The *Vossische Zeitung* says the difficulties appear to come from England. The whole Baldwin Government must be regarded as the embodiment of crass economic imperialism. The maintenance of the evacuation data and restoration of Germany's independence are a necessary condition for the carrying out of the Dawes scheme.

THE RUHR NEXT.

Regarding the non-evacuation of Cologne, the great danger apprehended is that this decision is the prelude to non-evacuation of the Ruhr next September in accordance with the promise at the London Conference.

The Nationalist newspapers especially assert that France intends to remain in the Ruhr indefinitely on the ground that Germany has not fulfilled the peace treaty.

The Government is awaiting the Ambassadors' Conference note, when there is good reason to believe Germany will protest to the League and demand a definite date for the evacuation of Cologne and the Ruhr, simultaneously.

LATEST CABLES.

BRITISH PRESS VIEWS.

LONDON, December 29th.

All the papers comment on the question of the Cologne evacuation but there is a general disposition to await the considered verdict of the Disarmament Commission before raising an outcry about it. While some of the papers point out that military disarmament without its moral counterpart is a fiction and a danger that can be averted by vigilance and firmness, it is widely emphasized that Great Britain is ready to leave Cologne as soon as she is satisfied that Germany is "playing the game." A suggestion is also made that the final solution of the difficulty will not be in sight until the League is called in as a shock absorber on the Rhine.

REPUTATIONS BY GERMAN MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

Herr Gessler, Minister of Defence, interviewed on the subject of disarmament, declared that there is no foundation for the insinuations of the French Press that a number of serious cases of failure to fulfil the treaty obligations had been established. There was no question of German obstruction against inspection, as the inter-Allied Commission of Control had carried out nearly 1,500 visits to factories, etc., and no important stores of arms had been found. The alleged discovery of guns at Koenigsbreuck drill ground turned out to be a collection of old weapons used for many years for target practice. Other reported finds were similarly unimportant. It was absurd to suggest that secret manufacture of war material had been going on at the Krupp works situated as they are in an occupied area which seethed with French troops.

WHAT AMERICA THINKS.

WASHINGTON, December 29th.

It is reliably stated that Mr. Hughes has instructed the American representative on the Reparations Commission to informally point out to the Allies that the success of the Dawes scheme greatly depends on an amicable solution of the Cologne problem. Similar views on the evacuation of Cologne and the Ruhr in April would be regarded by the United States as a compromise acceptable to all parties. (Reuter's American Service).

FASCISTS INDICTED.

CESARE ROSSI'S MEMORANDUM FROM GAOL.

ROME, December 29th.

The utmost interest has been aroused by a memorandum published by Cesare Rossi, ex-Chief of the Government Press Bureau and President of the Council, who is now imprisoned in connection with the Matteotti affair, alleging that prominent members of the Government and the Fascist Party are responsible for the acts of violence since the Fascist march to Rome. Government circles believe the document and the Fascist newspapers describe it as a bomb which has missed fire. They say that it is well that the document has been published in order that the country might know that the Opposition had no more damning proofs of crime in high Fascist circles than these merely personal assertions from "such a disreputable source."

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FIRE AT A TOKYO LUNATIC ASYLUM.

MANY FATALITIES.

TOKYO, December 29th.

Late last night there was an outbreak of fire in a private lunatic asylum here which resulted in many fatalities. Of the 313 reported inmates 108 are now missing. Thirteen corpses have been already recovered. The fire spreading destroyed fifty other houses before it was extinguished.

THE OTARU EXPLOSION.

LATEST NEWS OF CASUALTIES.

TOKYO, December 29th.

Latest news from Otaru says 47 dead bodies have been recovered. The injured total 450.

SHIDEHARA ON SINGAPORE.

DOES NOT CONCERN JAPAN.

TOKYO, December 29th.

Mr. Shidehara, who has been interviewed by Japanese pressmen, is stated to have declared that the Singapore project did not concern Japan, and said that it was inconceivable that Great Britain, in proposing a period of ten years for construction of the base, intended to direct it against Japan. He was of opinion that America herself would in time recognize and remedy her exclusion blunder. He counselled for Japan a policy of patience and calmness.

ALBANIAN UPHEAVAL.

EX-PREMIER REPORTED TO BE IN FLIGHT.

LONDON, December 29th.

Albanian circles in London have received confirmation of the overthrow and flight of the Albanian Government. The ex-Premier with members of his Government and a number of Army officers have arrived at Brindisi. Ahmed Beg Zogu, the head of the insurrectionary movement, is now at Tirana preparing to form a Government.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE "ECLAIR'S" DISCLOSURES.

GOVERNMENT'S STRONG ACTION.

PARIS, December 29th.

A spectacular but fruitless search of the offices of the *Eclair* has followed the decision by the Government to prosecute the *Eclair* for "disclosing secret documents of importance in national defence." The announcement has raised a storm of protest in all the Paris Press. M. Alesch, president of the Paris Press Association, has written the Premier protesting against this "flagrant attack on the freedom of the Press." M. Herriot has replied that journalistic indiscretions have several times hindered diplomatic negotiations, and stating that the *Eclair's* publication of the abridged memorandum of the Chequers meeting involved both M. Herriot and Mr. MacDonald; while General Nollet's report was an especially confidential document, not to be published without the consent of the Allied Governments.

The Opposition newspapers prophesy that this prosecution will mark the downfall of the Herriot Government.

FRANCE'S BALANCE SHEET.

THE DEBT QUESTION.

PARIS, December 29th.

France's national balance sheet, contained in an inventory issued by the Ministry of Finance, shows that the assets are 796,830 millions of paper francs, and liabilities 660,320 millions; but France's war debts to Great Britain and America, amounting to nearly 31 milliards of gold francs, are not included in the liabilities, nor are the debts of other countries to France, amounting to about 15 milliards of gold francs, included in the assets, which, however, include 103,900 million paper francs as capitalisation of the French share of the Dawes annuities.

The Minister of Finance says that France does not intend to repudiate her debts, but he argues in favour of a reduction of them.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

A GREAT EARTHQUAKE?

POSSIBLY IN THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE.

WASHINGTON, December 29th.

The seismograph at Georgetown University registered a most pronounced earthquake shock this evening lasting two hours. It is estimated that the centre of the disturbance was 6,000 miles distant, possibly in the Japanese earthquake zone.

BIG FIRE IN AMERICA.

CORINTH (Mississippi), December 29th.

Fire destroyed the business quarter of the town, including the Post Office and bank. The damage is estimated at a million and a half dollars.

LATEST CABLES.

OBITUARY.

TWO FAMOUS MEN.

LONDON, December 29th.

The death is announced of Mr. Saville Lander, the explorer, also of Mr. William Archer, author and dramatist.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 5.)

HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT—CONSULTING ENGINEER'S FEE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$20,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellaneous, 43, Harbour Department.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is chiefly required to pay the balance of the fee to the Consulting Engineer on Harbour Development. The sum was £3,430 or \$23,000 at present exchange. The balance of the vote Public Works Extraordinary is \$12,640 and as there may be a few more small items, the round sum of \$20,000 is recommended.

Approved.

BOOKS AND APPARATUS FOR SCHOOLS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,617 on account of the following votes:—

Education Department, A.—Director of Education, Special Expenditure	
Books for British Schools	\$1,273
Books and Apparatus for Quarry Bay School	344
Total	\$1,617

The CHAIRMAN: The Director of Education submitted a list of books in January last. It was impossible to complete the list in time for the estimates.

Approved.

A NEW SAFE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$258 on account of Public Works Department, Special Expenditure, New Safe.

The CHAIRMAN: This has already been before the members in Committee, and I think they will remember that by ordering through the Crown Agents, we got our safe for a little over half what it would have cost locally.

Approved.

LAU-CHU-KOK PRISON EXTENSIONS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$35,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, Extension of the Lau Chi Kok Prison and the various improvements.

The CHAIRMAN: This has already been approved.

SCHOOL APPARATUS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,250 in aid of the vote Education, A.—Department of Director of Education, Special Expenditure, Physics and chemistry apparatus, Central British School.

The CHAIRMAN: This includes a re-forecast for the sum of \$2,000 in September, 1923. The expenditure was not incurred until this year.

Approved.

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$2,350 in aid of the vote Education, B., Department of the Director of Education, Technical Institute, Personal Emoluments, Lecturing Staff.

The CHAIRMAN: The expending of this sum of \$2,350 has become necessary in consequence of the formation of additional classes at the Technical Institute in practical and theoretical chemistry. Both subjects had been considerably popular during the year. It was found necessary to increase the time given to short-hand.

Approved.

POLICE VOTES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$40,270 in aid of the following votes:—

Police, Other Charges:—	
Arms	\$ 7,000
Bidding and Mess Utensils	1,000
Clothing and Accoutrements	20,000
Launches and Boats:—	
Repairs	1,500
Stores	1,000
Passages	5,000
Rent of Stations	170
Secret Service	2,000
Small Stores	800
Stationery and Telegrams	100
Rations for Indian Police	1,700
Total	\$40,270

The CHAIRMAN: The sum of \$7,000 is for arms. This sum is required to pay for 100 rifles and four machine guns. Special authority for ordering was given some time ago.

Item 2. The amount is required in excess of the vote. \$1,000 is owing to the increased number of messes.

With regard to accoutrements the \$20,000 is for clothing. This was ordered to be made in 1923 and was not in that year's accounts. The increased number of men in the Police Force also accounts for the expense.

Launches and boats. No. 4 Police launch has just gone into the slipway to be overhauled and an account for \$2,600 will be presented this year. The vote this year is insufficient and \$1,500 will be required. Additional stores were required for launches. The Crown Agents accounts for \$3,000 have still to come in. A large proportion of these stores will not be used until early next year.

It is estimated that \$5,000 will be required to cover the passages of recruits returned to England as medically unfit. The Government has been in correspondence with the Secretary of State on this matter of the number of officers sent out to the police who have turned out medically unfit and I hope arrangements will be made to guard against it.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: Are these men examined before they leave England?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: Can we claim on the Home Government for these men?

The CHAIRMAN: I don't think we can.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: It seems to me monstrous that they should pass men who within a few weeks of their arrival here are found to be unfit.

The CHAIRMAN: It is unfortunate.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: I say monstrous. The CHAIRMAN: It certainly has been most annoying, and rather expensive.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: Have we a record of these medical reports?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. We have a record of everything and these records were referred to in the correspondence.

Rent of stations. The excess is due to No. 1, Hospital Road, 4, High Street. We rented several houses there pending erection of sheds.

Secret Service. The excess is due to more payments being necessary to informers for information received.

The further \$800 for small stores is due particularly to more purchases and increased accommodation.

Stationery and telegrams. The telegrams were used in connection with the enlistment of police in Wei-hai-wei.

Rations for Indian Police. The Indian Police Force has been over strength in 1924, and the amount is required to cover the expense of rations to December 31st.

Approved.

LOCOMOTIVES FOR FANLING BRANCH LINE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$6,801 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, 2 Locomotives for Fanling Branch Line.

The CHAIRMAN: The sum of \$6,801 is due to the difference between the estimates and the actual cost of the locomotives. I understand these small engines are to do other work in connection with reclamation, when they have finished their work on the branch line.

Approved.

OTHER CHARGES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$186,150 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works Department:—

Other Charges:—

(i) Drawing Materials and Mounting Plans	\$ 5,500
(ii) Electric Fans and Light	1,500
(iii) Incidental Expenses	2,500
(iv) Incidental Expenses	250
(v) Lifts Maintenance, Government Buildings	1,500
(vi) Surveying Instruments	3,500
(vii) Transport and Travelling Expenses	7,750
Radio Telegraph Branch:—	
(viii) Incidental Expenses	50
(ix) Repairs and Stores	2,100
(x) Transport	500
Public Works, Recurrent:—	
(xi) Improvements to Roads and Bridges outside City	8,000
(xii) Dredging Foreshores	2,500
(xiii) Typhoon and Rain-storm Damages	67,000
(xiv) 22 Water Works, Maintenance of City and Hill District	30,000
(xv) 25 Water Works, Water Account (Meters, etc.)	14,000
Public Works, Extraordinary:—	
(xvi) 31 Roads:—	
(a) Road contouring hillside in Wong-mei-chong and Tai Hang Valleys, Extension of Section Bowen Road to connect with Tai Hang proposed Road	9,000
(xvii) 32, Training Nullahs:—	
(b) General Works	5,500
(xviii) 33, Miscellaneous Drainage Works:—	
(d) General Works	29,000
Total	\$186,150

The CHAIRMAN: Drawing materials, mounting plans, light \$1,500, staff and accommodation, incidental expenses \$2,500, are due to an increase of staff and accommodation \$250 was for extra coolie hire for stock-taking. Repairs, to lifts were more than was anticipated. Survey instruments, and \$7,750 (transport and travelling expenses) were due to more work being undertaken during the year. With regard to the Radio Telegraph, Branch No. 9 is the chief one, \$310. There were two items. On account of increased traffic more repairs and stores have become necessary.

Public Works, Recurrent. More repairs were necessary than were anticipated, especially in the surfacing of Stubbs Road, and certain places near the Peak Hotel. More dredging was done than was anticipated. Typhoon rain storm damage amounted to \$67,000. The damage proved greater than was anticipated. There were six sums due in connection with damage caused to Government works by a collapsing wall on Stubbs Road to the extent of \$45,212 and it is hoped to collect them.

Water Works, City and Hill Districts, \$230,000. This is due to the increased cost of labour and the greater amount of work in the form of maintenance.

Water Works, \$14,000.—This covers the cost of additional meters taken from the store where they earn nothing.

Public Works Extraordinary, Roads, \$2,000 in Wong-mei-chong and Tai Hang valleys—more rock was encountered than was anticipated. In connection with training nullahs more work was undertaken than was anticipated. The \$29,000 in connection with miscellaneous drainage works was because of the necessity for extending sewers to pick up more properties than was anticipated.

Approved.

ROAD TO NEW NURSING HOME.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$2,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Roads, New Road from Stubbs Road to the new Nursing Home.

The CHAIRMAN: It is expected this sum will be required for preliminary expenses only. The work will be continued next year. They have to go through solid rock or some distance.

COMPENSATION AND RESUMPTIONS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$50,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, 50, Compensation and Resumptions.

The CHAIRMAN: This has already been before the Committee. The amount is required for a new Saiyungpun market. Although the Government is incurring very heavy sums in resuming properties a great deal will come back. In this particular case the site of the present Saiyungpun market will become available and a large part of this vote will be recovered.

Approved.

PATROL LAUNCHES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$12,370 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, Special Expenditure, Patrol Launches.

The CHAIRMAN: Extensive alterations have been made to launches used for patrol work, considerably in excess of the estimate. The decision to do this work was only come to during the year.

Approved.

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$70,000 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Recurrent:—

Hongkong:—

Buildings, (1) Maintenance of buildings	\$ 7,000
Buildings, (2) Improvements of buildings	19,000
Communications, (8) Maintenance of telephones including all cables	1,000
Kowloon:—	
Buildings, (26) Maintenance of buildings	4,000
Public Works, Extraordinary:—	
Hongkong:—	
Buildings, (4) Cadet quarters	33,000
Buildings, (15) Garage, Stubbs Road	6,000
Total	\$70,000

The CHAIRMAN: More work was required than was anticipated, due to the increase in the number of buildings. Improvements to buildings was \$19,000. An unusual amount of work was done, and there were more buildings to maintain. The \$1,000 for the maintenance of telephones was due to the general increase of telephones and cables. Regarding the \$33,000 more work was required than was anticipated. I am not sure whether hon. members know that the cost of the new Cadet quarters in the yamen at Canton is now over \$80,000. A third is paid by the Straits Government, a third by the F.M.S. Government and a third by this Government. So this sum practically represents the whole of the money payable by this Government. We recover from them, but the money has to be paid now.

With regard to garages for Stubbs Road, the bank at the back of them was troublesome.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: Is the leasing of these garages proceeding satisfactorily?

The CHAIRMAN: Two days ago five were still unlet. I think what Peak residents would like are quarters for the chauffeurs. They may become more reasonable later on. It cannot be considered that the scheme has been a great success up to now.

Approved.

QUARRY BAY MARKET.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$2,200 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, (25) Market at Quarry Bay.

The CHAIRMAN: This is an extension. The total cost of the work is \$11,200. \$2,200 is now required owing to the foundations having to go deeper than was anticipated.

Approved.

BACTERIOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$970 in aid of the vote Medical Department, D.—Institute, Bacteriological Institute and Mortuaries, Preparation of Vaccine, Serum, etc.

The CHAIRMAN: This has already been approved.

COUNCIL RESUMES.

The Council resumed and the COLONIAL SECRETARY reported that the sums required under Finance Committee Nos. 106 to 132 had been considered and approved by the Finance Committee and he moved that these be now adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT AND GOVERNOR'S NEW YEAR WISHES.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: That concludes the business of the year and I propose that the Council shall now adjourn *à la die*, which means, I think, until towards the latter end of January. I take the opportunity of thanking you, gentlemen, once more for all the assistance you have given to me throughout the year, during which we have done so considerably more work and useful work in a year, which I think, will end very favourably from the financial point of view, and more favourably than I anticipated when I introduced the Budget. I thank you, gentlemen, very heartily for your services, and I trust the new year will see continued prosperity for the Colony and yourselves.

Approved.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"Under Oath," starring Elaine Hammerstein, is being shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow only. It is a remarkably interesting study of the struggle constantly taking place between the newly rich and the old established order of aristocrats who have held their place in the social sphere for a number of generations. In this production, written by Edward J. Montagu, Elaine Hammerstein is the symbol of a refined and wealthy aristocracy. Pitted against her, newly rich and self-made, is a Wall Street millionaire played by Mahlon Hamilton. In addition to the picture Miss Jenny Kira will dance her famous Egyptian and Oriental dances, which originated with the Keith Circuit in the United States. Miss Kira is the first Filipino Oriental Dancer; her dancing is most impressive and will be greatly enjoyed.

Approved.

HUNGHOM TRAGEDY.

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

The hearing of a charge in connection with a recent fatality at Hunghom when a motor-bus crashed over a bridge, and an aged Chinese was killed and several other Chinese passengers injured, was resumed at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Tam Wah, the driver of a Kai Tak motor-bus, and Lau Chuen Kong, an inspector employed by the Company, were charged with the manslaughter of Fan Kin, a Chinese aged 70, on November 30th.

Inspector J. Ogg conducted the case for the police, and Mr. G. R. Haywood defended Tam Wah. Mr. D. McCallum appeared for Lau Chuen Kong.

Sergeant H. G. Hallam, in the witness-box, said that having been informed that an accident had happened on the Kowloon City Road, he went to the scene and saw a motor-bus in the nullah. He examined the bus, whose front wheels had been removed by Mr. Smith. Witness found that the hand-brakes were in order, but that there was an excessive amount of oil on the brake drum.

On examining the road, he found that the bus had been travelling from Kowloon City towards Hunghom. It would appear that the bus was travelling slightly on the off side of the crown of the road and had suddenly taken a left half turn. The off front wheel of the bus had just missed the outside post of the bridge on the Kowloon City side. Witness could not account for the railing being broken, for the off-side wheel track was about one foot clear of it.

Questioned by the Magistrate, witness said that the second defendant was a ticket

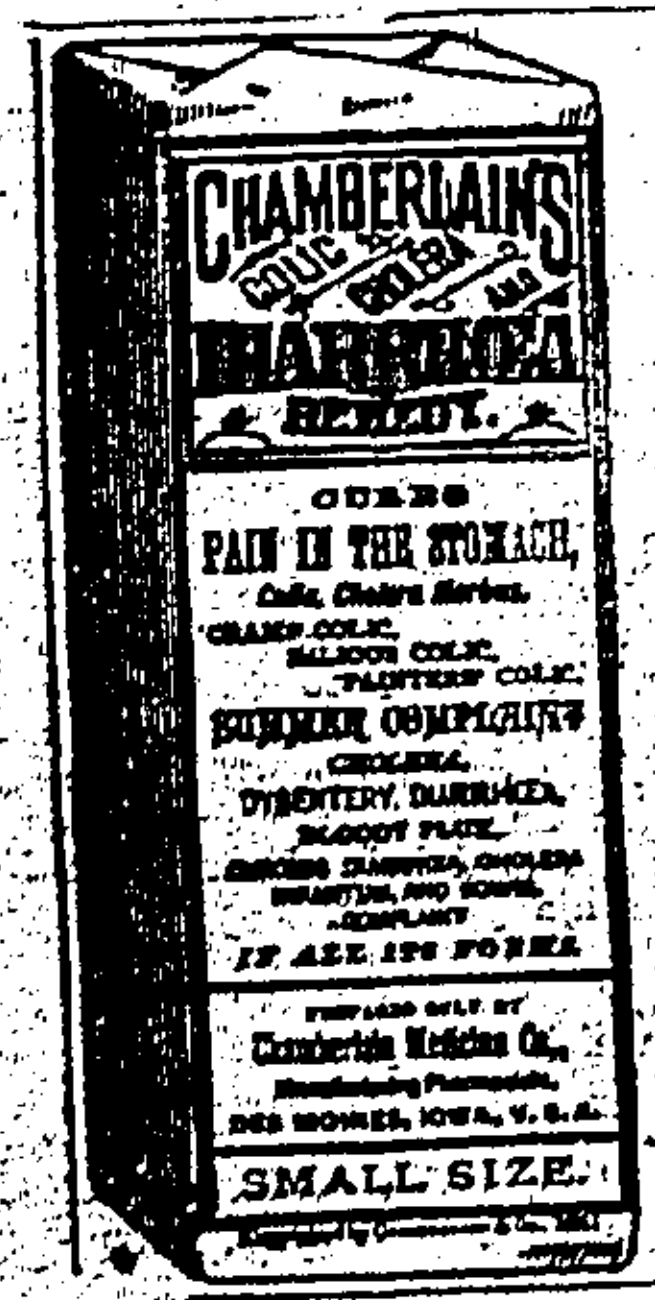
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HONGKONG WOMEN'S GUILD & MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

FINANCIAL RESULT OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

Although the usual Annual Bazaar has not been held this year, the various branches of the Guild and League have been hard at work throughout 1924 organising whist and bridge drives, concerts, sales of work, etc. The following is the result of the year's activities:-

Naval and Dockyard Branch (Mrs. Hunt and Miss P. Grace)	\$1,800.00
Military Branch (Mrs. Paton)	295.00
Police Branch (Mrs. Wodehouse)	253.20
Victoria Branch (Mrs. McKenny)	440.14
Victoria Children's Club (Mrs. McKenny)	315.00
Peak Branch (Mrs. Black and Mrs. Potter)	1,596.90
Peak Children's Club (Mrs. Edgar Davidson)	257.09
Quarry Bay Branch (Mrs. Greig)	916.86
Kowloon Branch (Mrs. Wylie)	903.70
St. Stephen's College Branch (Miss Middleton Smith)	1,000.00
St. Paul's School Branch (Miss Woo)	602.00
Bellevue School Branch (Miss Skinner)	1,012.90
Proceeds of Children's Fete	1,925.50
Donations to Central Fund	1,191.00
Total	\$13,341.10

After deducting expenses, this amount has been allocated by the Committee as follows:-

Home Charities.	
Hongkong Cots at M.O.L.	\$200.
Home, Otterhaw	125.
Traveller's Home for Orphans, Portsmouth	125.
Merchant Service and Orphans for Widows and Daughters	125.
Royal Soldiers' Homes	125.
Orphans' Homes of Scotland (Quarriers)	125.
Officers' Families Fund	25.
Evelina Hospital for Children, Southwark, S.E.	50.
London Hospital (Children's Ward)	50.
Shaftesbury Homes and Art-thusa Training ship	50.
Walls and Strays Society	50.
Total Home Charities	\$923.

Local Charities.	
Italian Convent Hospital	\$300.00
Nethersole Hospital	1,000.00
Ying Wa Girls' School (L.M.S.)	200.00
Baxter Mission Day Schools	400.00
Village School Fund	600.00
Fairlie School (O.M.S.)	100.00
C.M.S. Victoria Home and Orphanage	1,000.00
C.M.S. Blind Home, Kowloon	1,600.00
St. Joseph's Home for the Aged Poor, Kowloon	300.00
Hongkong Benevolent Society	350.00
Total local charities	\$5,250.00
Grand total	\$13,125.52

WOMEN'S VOTES IN ITALY.

Among the measures about to be submitted to the deliberation and vote of the present Chamber, Signor Mussolini has included the administrative vote for women, which is the first step towards woman suffrage in Italy. Signor Mussolini has always been in favour of the partial admission of women to political suffrage, but he is opposed to women becoming members of Parliament, and perhaps eventually Ministers or Under-Secretaries of State.

THE FIRST AERIAL STOWAWAY.

What is probably the first case of an aerial stowaway is reported from Angiers (Quebec) by the pilot of a seaplane on the new air service from Angliers to the New Roun goldfields. When returning from Roun the pilot found the machine "tail-heavy" and made the trip to Angliers with difficulty. On arrival at his destination he searched the machine, and discovered the stowaway in the hull. The man explained that he was anxious to see his wife and children, and so had adopted this perilous means of achieving his wish. It is not proposed to take any action against him.

SEX TEACHING TO CHILDREN.

Adhering to a decision reached in 1914, a sub-committee of the Education Committee of London County Council recommends that the teaching of sex hygiene should not be a class subject in public elementary schools. Much good, it is added, may, however, be done by teachers speaking privately, when occasion arises, to individual children. Sir R. Murray Hyslop, presiding at a conference convened by the Young People's Department of the Congressional Union of England and Wales, expressed a hope that in all elementary schools proper instruction in the subject would before long be given.

WORLD'S MURDER RECORD. DRASTIC ACTION NEEDED.

[BY CARLETON ASHWELL.]

It is the boast of post-war America that it is the most advanced country in the world. So far as the standard of living goes, this is true; but when one examines the criminal records of the countries of the world it is to find that America, far from being the most advanced, is the most backward country. Judge Talley, of the Court of General Sessions of New York County—the most important criminal court in the world—made a terrible indictment the other day. He pointed out that in 24 years the murder rate had doubled. He instanced the case of Kaplan, "The Kid Dropper," a desperate criminal who was arrested 10 times for major crimes and stood his trial for murder twice.

The figures are certainly appalling. In 1921, 9,500 persons were killed in crimes of violence in the United States, and no less than 25,000 were killed in ten years. What is the reason of this lawlessness? First, it has to be remembered that the population of the States is drawn very largely from the southern parts of Europe, where life is less sacred than in the western countries. It is noteworthy that of the large number of murders tried in the States are of forcible abduction. But another cause, and one stressed by the American Bar Association, is the slowness and uncertainty of the machine of justice in England or indicted for murder in England or France. He is tried, and tried quickly. The penalty follows on sentence with inexorable certainty. Not so in America. There the murderer may look for a long and hardly-contested fight for his life, one which may go on for more than a year, and be carried from court to court. Not only that, he knows very well that the odds are in his favour. Corrupt juries are by no means infrequent. Chicago is the psycho-analyst and alienist. In 1921 there were 90 murders in England and Wales; in the same year there were 237 in New York alone!

New York is the greatest alien city in the States; but, strangely enough, it is not the most lawless. In Memphis, Tenn., a little city of 170,000 population, there were twice as many killings as in all England and Wales in 1922. There all England and Wales in 1922 as in the Jacksonville, Florida in 1923 as in the whole of Canada. One finds that Italy, the country of the "Black Hand," has but half as many murders as America, proportionately to the population. Many American jurists hold that, besides the well-known factors making for lawlessness—the uncertainty of punishment and the chances of escaping even apprehension by fitting use of lethal weapons, the unrestricted sale of lethal weapons plays a large part in the lamentable record of the country. Commissioner of Police Enright of New York holds that the abolition of the sale of lethal weapons would cut the murder rate by half. He points out how the French law punishing robbery by the pistol with death has wiped out the hold-up in France. Dr. Schlapp, the famous neurologist of New York, claims that the cause lies in the growing emotional instability of the people. He sees in the hectic life of the times—the night life, jazz and cinema—causes making for national degeneracy and lawlessness.

Where is this appalling state of things heading? Many thoughtful Americans take a serious view; they say that it means the ultimate downfall of the New World civilization.

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The Chairman said he was perfectly convinced that a renewal of the Exhibition would be to the mutual advantage of all the parties concerned. The Prime Minister, in his speech at Guildhall, had raised hopes that that would be the policy of the Government. Although he was not able to announce definitely that the Exhibition would be held again next year, he was as confident as he was of standing there that it would. (Cheers.) There were certain grave questions to be considered, but he had not the slightest doubt that a solution of them would be found. He therefore hoped that their guests would not regard that function as a farewell banquet, but rather as an opportunity of meeting together at half-time, so to speak, and to consider proposals for making the Exhibition again thoroughly Imperial and a still greater success. (Cheers.) The Exhibition had brought about in the minds of the younger generation an entirely new idea and conception of what Empire meant. Though one of the difficulties of the late Exhibition was the number of children who visited it, he was sure that if the Exhibition were renewed next year children would be encouraged to come to it in even larger numbers. (Cheers.) He was told by a high authority that more geography had been taught in the months of the Exhibition than in the preceding hundred years. That was geography which was going to stay. (Cheers.)

Mr. A. F. Roberts, the Exhibition Commissioner for New Zealand, responding for the Dominions, said they had had a somewhat strenuous time during the last few months, but they had undertaken the work willingly and were ready to do it again. (Cheers.) They all sincerely hoped that the policy of wait-and-see would very shortly develop, because they did want to know what was to happen. With better conditions he was sure that from the Dominions and Colonial point of view the second session of the British Empire Exhibition, if it eventuated, would be a greater success than the first.

AN INDIAN'S TRIBUTE.

Dewan Bahadur T. Vijayaraghavacharya, the Exhibition Commissioner for India, said he had to confess to unrestrained pride in the Empire. There had been Empires in the past, but did they make it their boast that they were Empires of free nations? Wembley had made it possible for them to feel the unity of the Empire in a living way which they had not felt before. (Cheers.) He believed in the future of the Empire. The qualities which had built it up were not dead, and the political wisdom of the British race was not exhausted. A wonderful thing had been done by bringing together the races of the Empire at Wembley. (Cheers.)

Mr. Algernon Aspinall, responding for the Colonies, Protectorates, and Mandated Territories, expressed the hope that Mr. Amery would give to the Colonies and Dominions a substantial measure of Imperial preference. (Cheers.) When the question of Empire v. Bolshevism was put before the electorate he felt that the display which the Colonies had put up at Wembley had some effect in convincing the electorate as to which they should choose. It would be idle to pretend that they did not view with profound satisfaction the prospect before them of a stable Government, continuity of policy, and the prospect of Imperial preference. (Cheers.)

Sir Thomas Mackenzie, proposing the health of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that, with the enterprise and assistance which the Mother Country could give, they might look forward within the next century to a development as great as that now enjoyed by the United States of America, which had not such a large area as New Zealand and Australia put together.

Mr. Amery, responding, said the Exhibition had given to all who had been privileged to go there a wonderful picture of what the British Empire had already achieved. It had also left in their minds an even stronger feeling of how infinitely greater that achievement might be if they worked together with a co-operative policy and with a common purpose to make the fullest use of those vast resources of which the Exhibition gave some idea, and of all that brain power, energy, and initiative to which the Exhibition also testified. It they could combine their resources, material and system in something of the same vigour of purpose with which the United States had pooled their resources for the making of a great country, he believed that the Exhibition of 20 or 30 years hence would show something far beyond anything that those who had been to Wembley during the last few months could dream to be possible. (Cheers.)

It was on reading the lesson of Wembley a sight that the whole future of the country and every portion of the Empire depended. They had to look upon that Exhibition not merely as an indication to them of what they might do and what it was their duty to do. From that point of view, if from no other, they felt—the Prime Minister expressed it at the Guildhall the other day—that the Exhibition ought not to be allowed to come to an anti-climatic end. (Cheers.) It had brought home the meaning and the possibilities of Empire to a considerable section of the population. They wanted the whole of the people to understand what it meant. To do that they must have a reasonable

measure of time, and that was why they certainly meant, as far as lay in their power, to see that the Exhibition was not only continued next year, but was continued even more successfully than it had been in the months that had passed. (Cheers.) In doing so they did not believe that they were embarking upon any rash commitment or asking anything unreasonable of any of the other communities or Governments of the Empire whose close co-operation they sought, or of those private individuals or firms who had so patriotically gone so far to make it a success. (Cheers.)

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Referring to the above, *The Times* Parliamentary correspondent writes:—It is understood that the Government intends to propose to Parliament that the national guarantee to the Exhibition shall be increased from the present figure of £800,000 to one million pounds. If this proposal receives the approval of Parliament it is suggested that the additional sum of £200,000 should be placed at the disposal of the board of management of the Exhibition, which would then have the power to make grants to help such of the Dominions, Colonies, and Dependencies as feel that they are not in a position to bear the whole cost of a further exhibit at Wembley next year. In a number of cases there is reason to believe that an exhibit would be arranged if some help of this kind were forthcoming.

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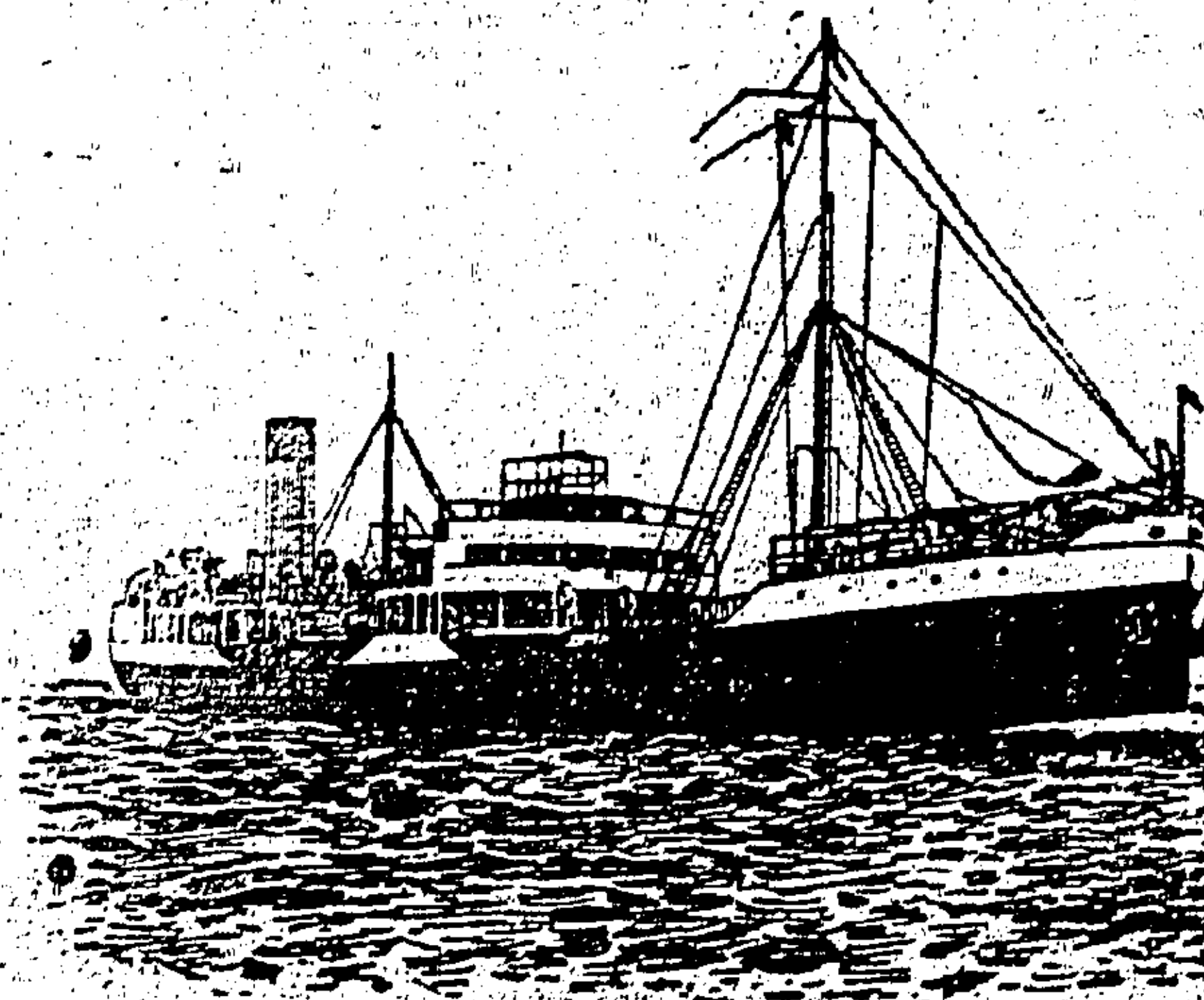


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"MOBEA"	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	6,884	18th Feb.	Spain, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHGAR"	8,963	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	8,896	18th Mar.	Spain, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SHILLA"	8,812	31st Mar.	Spain, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
"KARMALA"	9,088	18th Apr.	Mars. London & A'way.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	6,884	16th May	Spain, Penang, Colombo & B'way.

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"MOBEA"	10,911	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	11th Jan.	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,963	24th Jan.	do.
"SARDINIA"	6,884	24th Jan.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	24th Jan.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TANDA"	5,958	7th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,963	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SOUDAN"	8,896	21st Feb.	do.
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"SARDINIA"	6,884	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"NAGOYA"	8,854	22nd Apr.	do.
"MOBEA"	10,911	1st May	do.
"TANDA"	5,958	9th May	Moji & Kobe
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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"CHUAN"	On 31st Dec. Noon.
SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 1st Jan. 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 1st Jan. 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KANCHOW"	On 3rd Jan. Noon.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 6th Jan. D.L.
SWATOW & RANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 6th Jan. 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LINAN"	On 7th Jan. Noon.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"FAMING"	On 8th Jan. 10 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 8th Jan. 11 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 10th Jan. D.L.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 10th Jan. Noon.
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